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\$50,000 recommended for flood-related boardwalk repairs

by **DARREN LUM**
Times Staff

Minden Hills is working through the budget process to move forward with repairs to the flood damaged areas of the boardwalk.

Community services department head Mark Coleman wrote in an email he will recommend the township spend upwards of \$50,000 to repair flood damage caused in 2017 and 2019 such as “setting [the] structure back onto footings and securing – from Invergordon to the ‘T’ [junction in the boardwalk].”

These repairs, which will be part of the 2020 budget and be performed during the winter, require low water and frozen ground to use heavy equipment and mud mats, and will be executed by a contractor, as determined by the request for proposal process. The boardwalk will be temporarily closed during the work.

Mayor Brent Devolin said before the email from Coleman, “You have to do them in the budget cycle, we can. But obviously I’d like it repaired definitely ahead of next season, because really once we get snow we don’t get much traffic through there so I mean [the] sooner the better.”

He adds this will be influenced by Coleman’s report, which includes particulars

see **BOARDWALK** page 2



Goal!

Red Hawks player Makenna Robbins celebrates a goal with captain Melissa Brinkos, left, and teammate Ava Smith running alongside. This was her first goal scored this season, against the visiting Saints of St. Peter Catholic Secondary School on Oct. 3 at the Gary G. Brohman Athletic Field in Haliburton. The Hawks tied the Saints 1-1 and then followed up that game with a 1-1 tie against Holy Cross to finish the home opener double-header. Read more on page 16.

/DARREN LUM Staff

Trichomonosis identified in Haliburton County birds

by **SUE TIFFIN**
Times Staff

While watching the birds congregating at the feeder in her back yard, Tracy Patterson

knew something was wrong.

The Algonquin Highlands resident has had an avid interest in birds for the past five or six years.

“I first started feeding birds, just from seeing a beautiful goldfinch up close at my

friend’s house,” she said. “I had no idea birds like that existed. Like a lot of people, I thought, we’ve got blue jays, we’ve got sparrows, we’ve got ducks and geese and ravens.

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One-hundred boards on the Minden boardwalk are marked for replacement. Mark Coleman, the township's community services lead, said 70 boards have been replaced and Minden Hills is in the process of moving forward with flood damage repairs to the boardwalk this winter./DARREN LUM Staff

Boardwalk repairs part of natural cycle

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related to finances and the process to decide on a contractor. Anyone walking the boardwalk will have noticed individual boards replaced and marked.

During 2018/2019 there were 100 boards on the boardwalk marked by township staff. Seventy have been replaced to date, Coleman said. Replacements are "ongoing weekly" by staff. No closures are expected with this work. He said part of the delay with maintenance work has been unavoidable.

Coleman said his department has experienced a backlog of work because there have been "ongoing" staffing shortages the past two years and "wet springs, setting us back."

Devolin said this is just the lifecycle of the hemlock boards on the boardwalk. He hasn't considered alternate material types for the decking.

"Do I want to see concrete, or steel or any of those types of things ... ? No, I don't think it fits in with the environment. A natural product in a natural environment, so I think it fits," he said.

He adds the hemlock used for the boardwalk is native to the area and "stands up relatively well in conditions that can be wet." Historically, he said, hemlock has been used for railway

ties, demonstrating its durability.

"Future capital maintenance of the aging boardwalk will increase in terms of decking replacement to be considered in [the] 2020 budget," Coleman said.

Added to the boardwalk and Riverwalk repair plans, the township is considering decking replacement at the town's docks, seasonal shrub bed maintenance, and "retaining walls replacement near [the] Bobcaygeon Road bridge [which] will likely be tied in with the rehabilitation of the bridge," including the maintenance/removal of dead and hazardous trees by Hydro One or contractors, Coleman said.

A few weeks ago, a sculpture on Invergordon Avenue had fallen over and a passerby posted images to social media. It was subsequently removed.

It's unknown what will happen to it, as "review and maintenance of sculptures along Riverwalk are to be determined," Coleman said. The timbers that have deteriorated in the 14 log benches along the Riverwalk are to be replaced this autumn, he adds.

Devolin offered this when asked about the sculpture: "The question is ... is it something that can be done quickly and repaired, or is it something we have to get the artist or somebody else with specialized skills to do it."

Rotary helps keep Minden Hills clean

Minden Rotary rolled up their sleeves, unfurled their garbage bags and got to work cleaning up Deep Bay Road on Oct 7. From left, Rosemary Shivj, Sally Moore, Bill Roodenburg. /Submitted by Dave Bonham

Scrolling through hopes, fears and dreams

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

An installment at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre explores the aspirations and inner turmoils of participants, and asks community members to share pieces of themselves.

Hopes, Fears and Dreams is a project of the Art-Making For The Health Of It! group, which has been gathering weekly for the past four years. Part of programming offered through Haliburton Highlands Health Services and Haliburton Highlands Mental Health Services, participants are guided by Fay Wilkinson, a registered expressive arts practitioner.

"Each person has done a scroll that represents their hopes, fears and dreams," Wilkinson says.

A release she'd prepared reads, "We were inspired by seeing many different ways to use a scroll to express our thoughts around the theme; we looked at symbols and colours that represent the theme adapting them and making them our own. The pieces combine found objects, fabric, paper, paint, fibre, natural materials, poetry and much more. This work comes from the hearts of our group members. This display gives you a glimpse into who we are."

The display is set up in the Welch Family Room (formerly referred to as the common room) at the cultural centre, and the group is inviting community members to come and check out their work, and to participate by adding their own hopes, fears and dreams.

"These guys have made themselves quite vulnerable and we're asking the community to do the same," Wilkinson says. "It's not about making something beautiful. It's about making something honest."

For the purpose of the exercise, a hope is defined as a feeling of expectation and desire for a certain thing to happen; to want something to be true. A fear is described as an unpleasant emotion caused by the belief that someone or something



Minden Hills Cultural Centre staff member Megan Randall sits and writes in front of display cases for the Hopes, Fears and Dreams exhibit in the Welch Family Room at the cultural centre. Hopes, Fears and Dreams is a project of the Art-Making for the Health Of It! group where participants share their aspirations and anxieties in an artful manner, and where community members are asked to do the same. It is on display until Oct. 19. /DARREN LUM Staff

is dangerous; likely to cause pain, or a threat; anxious concern. A dream is defined as a cherished aspiration, ambition or ideal.

Participants of any level of artistic ability are welcome to join the group.

"We operate under the premise of honesty without judg-

ment," the release reads. "We don't necessarily create works of art, but we make the art work for us – we welcome all skill levels; all mediums are explored and encouraged from visual art to sculpture, fibre arts to mixed media, to collage and poetry."

The installation will be on display until Oct. 19.

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Disease not a threat to mammals

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This bird was just so beautiful I started putting bird feeders out."

The next year, while tending to bluebird boxes on the next road over for the property owner, she found a baby bluebird, about seven days old, whose parents didn't come back for it. Patterson raised and released the bird.

"He stuck with us all summer, right up until October, he was wild for about three months before he went south," she said of the bird that would land on her shoulder and hunt bugs from the perch.

"I do a lot of research, I love reading about them, I love learning about them," said Patterson, who has taken online courses through Cornell Lab of Ornithology.

It was that interest in birds that made her look up what could possibly be wrong with the finches in her yard. She said they were fluffed up, looking very round and fat, food was coming back out of their bills as they were eating it, they were having difficulty swallowing and they were extremely lethargic.

"Just from watching, you get to learn what their behaviour is like," she said. "Are they a bird that sits on the feeder and eats for awhile, or are they a bird that grabs a seed and takes it to eat it. The lethargy and being able to approach them is not normal for those birds. They usually scatter if you open your door. They were very lethargic. You could see they were having troubles swallowing and breathing. You could just see, they're not right. And it's heartbreaking. They have a long painful death."

In total, Patterson said 11 birds had died in her yard since July.

"It's very sad for me seeing them that way, and by the time you can catch them, to get right up and catch them, it's too late," she said. "So it's days of watching them not being well. And struggling. And it's also sad not to be able to enjoy watching those birds."

Patterson contacted the Canadian Wildlife Health Cooperative, which asked her to send a sample in to their lab. They sent a cooler and return postage, and with the help of Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary, Patterson was able to send in three dead finches. The necropsy confirmed trichomonosis, a highly contagious disease.

According to the Canadian Wildlife Health Cooperative, trichomonosis "is an infectious disease caused by the microscopic parasite *Trichomonas gallinae* ... The parasite inhabits the upper digestive tract, mainly the crop and esophagus, but it may also infect the liver, lungs, air sacs, internal lining of the body, pancreas and bones and sinuses of the skull."

It does not pose a health threat to humans or other mammals.

Occurring most often in the summer and early fall, the disease can cause severe damage to the tissues of the mouth, throat and crop.

"Affected birds may have difficulty swallowing, drool saliva, regurgitate food and water, demonstrate laboured breathing and/or have a swollen neck or throat," reads information on the CWHC website. "In addition to showing signs of general illness (i.e., lethargy, poor flight ability and fluffed up feathers), affected finches are frequently observed to have matted wet plumage around the face and beak, presumably due to regurgitation. Birds with trichomonosis are commonly very thin as the damage to the tissues

of the throat and esophagus makes eating and drinking painful and difficult which results in starvation and dehydration."

Monika Melichar, of Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary, said that besides Patterson's experience, a rock dove (wild pigeon) was found in Haliburton with an incidence of trichomonosis as well.

"It is a horrid disease caused by a parasite that creates cankers in the mouth, throat, all the way down to the crop," she said. "The birds can barely breathe, and eating is difficult due to the swelling of the throat. They usually succumb to starvation. The rock dove was very compromised and had to be euthanized. It is a difficult disease to cure, especially in the later stages ... and that is when the birds are so compromised that they can actually be captured."

Finches have proven to be most susceptible to the disease, and according to the CWHC, more commonly purple finches and goldfinches. Other songbirds can become infected but it is more rare.

"Birds of prey, like hawks and falcons, can also contract this disease by eating prey birds that are infected," said Melichar. "It can also spread to domestic animals like chickens and pet budgies. Fortunately, the parasite does not survive out of the host for long ... it will dry up." An outbreak of increased mortality due to trichomonosis was recorded in 2005, and since 2007, regularly in Atlantic Canada. Because it can be transmitted from saliva or droppings left behind by infected birds, bird feeders and baths where birds flock and gather might potentially be sites of transmission. Melichar recommends people who spot signs of infected birds, "should immediately remove all their feeders and scrub them clean with diluted bleach." Information from the CWHC on the "ABC's of Healthy Bird Feeding," and the proper care of bird feeders in general and during outbreaks of trichomonosis is available on their website. Besides using a weak solution of bleach as Melichar recommended, bird feeders that keep the seed dry and thus less hospitable to the survival of the parasite are preferred, while table feeders in which birds sit directly on the bird seed are not recommended.

"I took the feeders down because it's highly contagious, just from adults feeding young, their saliva, or their saliva on the bird feeder ... if they wipe their beaks, which they all do, they wipe their beak to clean them off, they can pass it that way, so congregating them on a feeder makes it an even greater risk of transmitting the disease," said Patterson. "The feeder itself doesn't cause

the disease. It's the transmission. If you don't have feeders, they're not as likely to get it because they're not all landing in the exact same spots."

Wildlife pathologist Brian Stevens, with the Canadian Wildlife Health Cooperative, said the group doesn't have an active research project or tracking of trichomonosis in Ontario at the time, relying instead on the public to report dead wildlife.

"The way that we do track it is by recording all of the cases we get into our national database, which if we see an increase in a certain disease then we can get an idea of where it started and when," he said. "Ontario hasn't had a large outbreak of trichomonosis for at least a few years now. We will get the occasional group of birds that die from the disease but we don't have the same issue of larger populations of birds affected that currently Quebec and the Atlantic provinces have."

The cases of trichomonosis in Haliburton County are the first Stevens has seen in Ontario this year.

"We have had no other confirmed reports of trichomonosis anywhere else in Ontario this year," he told the *Times* of the sample sent by WWS and Patterson. "The last reported cases of trichomonosis were in September 2018 in the Richmond Hill area (that was a single goldfinch that we received, but others had been dying in the area) and a second goldfinch from the Stratford area."

Stevens said the CWHC's main goal is to diagnose and monitor for disease, and will accept specimens, but noted songbirds might die from many different things, so a single bird when other birds in the area appear healthy might not be useful.

"... but if multiple are sick or dying in the area then any dead ones can be very helpful for us to figure out what is happening in the area," he said.

Patterson said she reached out to the *Times* because she's hoping that readers who might have recognized a bird affected by trichomonosis will take their feeders down until the colder months begin.

"We need to do everything we can," she said. "They're an indicator species on how our environment is doing. If the birds aren't doing well, more creatures aren't doing well."

Additional information can be found at www.cwhc-rcsf.ca. Readers who suspect they might have ill or infected birds at their feeders can contact Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary at 705-286-1133 or the Canadian Wildlife Health Cooperative at 1-866-673-4781 or on-nu@cwhc-rcsf.ca.

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Strike averted, schools remain open

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

While last week it looked as though schools in the Trillium Lakelands District School Board would be closed to classes Monday, weekend negotiations between the province and the Canadian Union of Public Employees saw a tentative deal struck, meaning it's business as usual at local schools.

CUPE represents about 55,000 education workers in the province, including educational assistants, clerical and janitorial staff, and last week the union took the step of announcing that main hallways and gymnasiums would no longer be swept, as it sought a new contract with the government.

With a full strike poised to proceed for Monday, Oct. 7, the school board had an-

nounced that, should that be the case, schools would be closed to students. However, successful negotiations that took place at the Sheraton Centre in Toronto during the weekend mean that classes are on.

"I don't know all the details," said Bill Campbell, president of CUPE Local 997, representing workers in the TLDSB. "From what I do know, it's a fair deal."

As Campbell explained, the next step is for local bargaining to take place. "There's another layer to this," he said.

"It was certainly not our intention to disrupt any of the parents, or students' education," Campbell said, noting that from what he had seen, there seemed to be widespread support, including parents demonstrating in support of the union workers outside the hotel during the weekend's negotiations.

"I personally did not see anyone complaining," Campbell said.

CUPE will cease any job action until a new contract is ratified. Those contracts are typically three years in length, but Campbell said it's possible that the parties may have negotiated different terms.

The deal came as welcome news to the school board.

"We, as trustees, are very pleased that a tentative agreement has been reached," TLDSB chairwoman Louise Clodd told the *Times*.

Members must ratify the tentative agreement by the end of the month.

"We're confident that is going to take place," Clodd said, adding the board realizes the important role that CUPE members play in the functioning of schools.

"I'd really like to thank our parents and students and staff members for their patience," she added.

"All the parties worked hard together at the table to reach a fair and responsible agreement

that will keep students in the classroom," said OPSBA president Cathy Abraham in a press release. "Education workers play an important role in our schools, and this agreement is a recognition that we value the contribution they make to the educational experience of our students every day."

Premier Doug Ford also seemed pleased with the result, saying in a press release that the government had worked tirelessly to achieve the outcome.

"Throughout this process our goal has been to establish agreements that respect taxpayers, students and families, while also recognizing the important contributions of our front-line education workers," the statement from Ford reads. "Our government worked tirelessly at the bargaining table to achieve this goal and as a result two million students will remain in the classroom where they belong."



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Mudslinging

THIS FEDERAL election has devolved into the country's two major parties asking us to choose which of their leaders is less terrible.

All political campaigns involve negative advertising attacking one's opponents. However, with this particular election campaign, we are so far into petty muckraking that the multitude of major national issues that should be getting all the attention are being obscured.

It started long before the campaign itself, with Conservative leader Andrew Scheer attempting to make this election a referendum on Justin Trudeau by keeping the SNC Lavalin scandal in the spotlight as much as possible. The message we were supposed to take home: Trudeau is not fit to be prime minister.

Then, the Liberals dig up a 2005 tape of Scheer denouncing same-sex marriage. The message we were supposed to take home: Scheer is not fit to be prime minister.

Then, last month, the shocking bombshell that Trudeau as a young man apparently had a penchant for wearing blackface, with photos and video of him doing so on at least three separate occasions

coming to light.

The Liberals then respond with allegations that Scheer sold insurance without a licence, which, as This Hour Has 22 Minutes' Mark Critch pointed out, is a scandal as boring as the man himself.

On Monday, the Conservatives were trying to draw attention to apparent "unfounded rumours" regarding

Trudeau's exit from one of the schools he taught at.

That's where we're at. This contest is for the leadership of this country, and this is the stuff we're talking about. This campaign has become largely



CHAD INGRAM
Reporter

about two men, one of whom most presume will become prime minister, and which one of them is less despicable. Do you want the anti-gay marriage guy, or the blackface guy? It's not a desirable position to be in.

I'm not suggesting that these revelations should be overlooked or that Trudeau and Scheer should not be judged by them, but there are huge, important things to talk about; things like climate change policy and housing and pharmacare and the cost of tuition and on and on and on.

The direction this campaign has taken is petty and stupid and we deserve better.

Kwarky



'I was expecting someone...more like his photo.'

Illuminating thoughts

IF YOU HAPPEN to notice more people walking around these days with white canes, seeing eye dogs and dark glasses, don't be alarmed. It's just because the days are now shorter and head lamp season is here.

This was pointed out to me by one of the friendly people behind the Post Office counter the other day. And somewhere in the conversation, it was noted that things never used to be this bad.

This is true and I blame technology.

You see, long ago outdoorsmen, who were caught in the woods after dark in autumn, simply stumbled along hoping that their night vision was correct when they assumed that bear-like object was merely a large, growling stump.

Luckily, those who survived that era eventually developed the torch. This was fine until they developed the papyrus map with fine print in order to find their way home.

Years, later, and much to the chagrin of those who sold maps, someone developed the candle, which worked like a charm on calm nights unless someone in the party had gas.

Luckily, technology moved forward and the lantern was invented. This allowed light on windy nights and was just the ticket, although holding one made you very susceptible to being tickled.

As far as I can tell, this alone provided the impetus to invent the first flashlight – a tool first marketed as the one-handed auto-blinder. With a flashlight, an outdoorsman could lead an expedition through the darkest wilderness with hardly any loss of life. And survival rates got even better once someone invented spare batteries.

Over the years, flashlights got progressive-

ly better. Eventually they could be purchased with five million candlelight power, which is why people in a flashlight carrier's party never asked that person a question again.

For asking a question would cause the flashlight holder to turn the light directly into your eyes and say, "Did you say something?"

The answer might as well have been, "Do you know anyone who sells seeing eye dogs?"

You'd think this would have been the height of nighttime illumination but, because we are humans, we could not leave well enough alone.

We had to bring the headlamp into the mainstream. Formerly, the headlamp was strictly used by miners to blind other miners. But it worked so well in the mines that someone said, "Wouldn't it be great to have a very bright, devastatingly blinding light mounted on your forehead whose piercing beam lit up everywhere you looked?"

The answer of course is yes, provided that you are the only one wearing it.

Sadly, everyone wears them now. Again, this is fine so long as everyone is looking in the same direction. But, as people, we cannot help but look each other in the eyes every minute or two. This is especially true when we are walking in the woods on a pitch dark night and we hear a strange noise.

The good news is that a modern head lamp allows everyone to have two hands free, so they can shield their eyes or feel their way home after they have been blinded.

On the plus side, they are lightweight, very bright and get longer battery life or are even rechargeable. I use them and can honestly say they are quite a step up from flashlights.

Yet, I still cannot help but think it would have been easier if we just stuck with torches and developed fire retardant maps.



STEVE GALEA
Beyond 35

IN OTHER WORDS

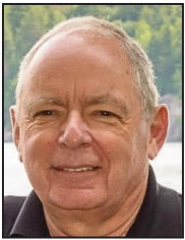
Columns and Letters to the Editor

The story of Trumpinocchio

VLADIMIR VLADIMIROVICH Putin was a solitary child with no interest in things that amused other children. His sole plaything was a fat red crayon with which he drew world maps.

His crayoned maps showed a world in which Russia was given greater space and prominence. One showed Greenland as part of the United States. A later one showed the U.S., including Greenland, a part of Russia.

Vladimir Spiridonovich Putin and Maria Ivanova Putina worried that their son Vladi was too introspective, too sullen. They consulted a child psychiatrist who recommended a hobby for the boy, so they bought him a wood carving set.



JIM POLING SR.

From Shaman's Rock

Vladi was delighted. His first project was a puppet. He carved the legs, arms, body from tamarack and the head from soft pine. He glued on yellow straw for hair.

Then he strung all the pieces together with strings attached to an X crossbar.

He practised manipulating the crossbar so the puppet danced and jumped and did whatever Vladi wanted it to do.

He wanted to name his puppet Goldilocks but it did not translate well into Russian. So he called it

Trumpinocchio, which translates as pine seed brain.

Vladi worked the strings so expertly that the puppet looked like a real person – arms and legs moving, eyes blinking.

Then one day the puppet's lips moved. They just twitched at first, then fluttered, then flapped at hurricane force speed.

"I want to be a real person," Trumpinocchio began jabbering. "A real guy who does really big things and makes things really great again. Are there any cheeseburgers here?"

Vladi was excited. But as the weeks passed the blabbering puppet became annoying, pestering relentlessly about becoming a real person.

So Vladi took him to see Baba Yaga, a mystical woman who lived in a dark forest nearby, and was known for her magic.

Baba Yaga granted magical favours to important and powerful people, and could see into the future that Vladi would become a spymaster, spin doctor and powerful politician. She agreed to turn Trumpinocchio into a real person.

"But I can't guarantee how he will turn out," she warned. "It's hard to predict when the head is made of pine. He needs to go to school."

So the Putins enrolled Trumpinocchio in school, bought him a laptop computer and signed him up for a Twitter account. He blabbered and Twittered incessantly, bragging about his accomplishments and spreading fake news about teachers and students at his school.

At home he preened at the bathroom mirror for long periods, causing other household members to have bladder accidents. There was constant arguing over the television because he hogged it to watch American shows.

Trumpinocchio refused to learn to spell or to add numbers. The school nurse observed that his nose grew whenever he lied, which was often. The school principal reported complaints from female students.

"He's ruining our lives," Mr. Putin Sr. told his family. "He's taken over the bathroom! He's taken over the TV! Yesterday he walked into the door and punched a hole in it with his nose. He's got to go!"

"Send him to America," said Mrs. Putin. "He's always talking about Big Macs and Cokes."

So Vladi called his friend Mitchikov and asked him to help settle Trumpinocchio in America where Vladi expected that he might become useful.

Vladi financed his puppet in various business ventures, including real estate, but they all failed because Trumpinocchio could not add. There was Trumpinocchio Airlines, Trumpinocchio Hotels, Trumpinocchio University. Even Trumpinocchio Vodka with its 24-karat gold labelling went bankrupt.

As predicted, Vladi became a powerful Russian spymaster, who was increasingly frustrated that Trumpinocchio could not get focused and become useful.

So he returned to the dark forest to consult Baba Yaga. Her advice was cryptic.

"Look beyond what you can see, Vladimir," she said. "Reality is what you tell people it is. There are always alternate facts and alternate realities. Go back to Moscow and think about what I have told you."

Vladi spent days in his Kremlin office pondering Baba Yaga's enigmatic advice. Then it hit him like a lightning bolt. He grabbed his telephone and called America.

Some months later Trumpinocchio became a reality TV star.

And, as they say, the rest is history.

letters to the editor

Answers, please

To the Editor,

It is astounding to me that a businessman of Jim Garbutt's caliber and experience is essentially being ignored for months in favour of the slowly grinding wheels of local government.

I was especially irritated by Mayor Brent Devolin's dismissive word salad responses, the zenith of which was when he appealed to that lu-

dicious tautology from management speak: "It is what it is," a phrase usually applied to shut down further discussion.

I would remind Mr. Devolin that everything is what it is.

Now how about some actual answers to Jim Garbutt's questions?

Mike Mandel

Commonsense approach needed

To the Editor,

Re: Garbutt disposal article

Two things were evident at the meeting. The "process is everything, results are nothing" mindset of the typical bureaucrat, and the

results-oriented mindset of the business person.

If more people like Jim Garbutt (who has a Ph.D in commonsense) were elected, the wheels of government would move forward with efficiency and economic soundness.

Heather Peacock

Tickets still available

DORSET NEWS

Lee Ross

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Tickets to *Love Letters* are still on sale at the Dorset Rec Centre and Robertson Real Estate. They're \$20 each (cash only) and can be purchased right up until the day of the event, Oct. 19. The show starts at 7:30 p.m., seats are first come, first served and snacks and refreshments will be provided.

Just a reminder that the Dorset Rec Centre will be closed on Monday, Oct. 14 for Thanksgiving.

We are currently in the middle of an active hunting season which means we need to be extra careful when walking in the bush. Whether you're hunting or not, it's a good idea to wear orange while out in the woods. A lot of people don't understand there are many, many rules set in place regarding

guns and hunting, so if you're not familiar with them, check out the Ontario Hunting Regulations Summary - <https://www.ontario.ca/document/ontario-hunting-regulations-summary>. Always think twice before you go on social media and accuse people of unlawful practices, because nine out of 10 hunters are following the rules, it's just that not everyone is aware of them so we assume things. If you do witness someone unlawfully hunting or discharging firearms, call 1-877-TIPS-MNR to report it.

Don't forget to check your voter card to see where you're registered to vote in the Oct. 21 federal election. It can be especially confusing in Dorset where the town is divided into Algonquin Highlands and Lake of Bays.

Happy birthday to Dave McKey and Laurie Walisser. Happy anniversary to Earle and Sandra Northover. For birthdays and submissions please send them to burgesslt@me.com.

DVD of the Month - October

Tim Burton's The Nightmare Before Christmas

written and directed by Tim Burton



Is it a Halloween movie? Is it a Christmas movie? Yes! Based on an original poem written by Tim Burton himself, *The Nightmare Before Christmas* follows the misadventures of Jack Skellington, Halloweentown's beloved Pumpkin King, who has become bored with the same annual routine of frightening people in the "real world." When Jack accidentally stumbles upon Christmastown, a place of bright colours and warm spirits, he can't believe his eye sockets – and he plots to bring Christmas under his control by kidnapping Santa Claus and taking over the role. But Jack soon discovers even heartfelt plans with the best intentions can go seriously awry. Twenty-five years after its original release date, this vibrant stop-motion animation film is still as visually stunning as ever.

Check it out today from Haliburton County Public Library.

Those powerful quads!

THE QUADRICEPS femoris muscle is the large, fleshy muscle group that covers the front and sides of the thigh. It is made up of four parts: rectus femurs, vests laterals, vests medals and vests intermedium. The quads are responsible for the extension of the leg at the knee. They are important for standing, walking and pretty much every activity involving the legs.

I speak from experience when I say “the stronger the quads, the happier the knee.” That is a general statement. It’s almost impossible to strengthen the quads without strengthening the other muscles of the leg. Together they all play a part in stabilizing the knee joint so it remains in alignment during movement. When the knee joint is not properly stabilized pain can result from friction between parts that should not

be touching. In my case, my knee actually starts clunking. It’s not that I hear a sound but I feel it. That’s when I know it’s time to get back to doing squats, lunges and other leg strengthening exercises.

The flip side of this is that the quads are such big and powerful muscles that when they get too tight they can pull other body parts out of alignment, especially the knees and areas of the back. Again, I am speaking from experience. Generally I move around a fair bit on any given day. When I do it keeps everything working well. Some mornings I do wake up with a sore back but I start moving around and it subsides. A couple of weeks ago I woke up with that back soreness and I had to attend a course that was a 1.5 hour drive away that day. The combination of sitting in a car and at a desk did me in.




LAURIE SWEIG
Practical Fitness

Midway through the morning I stood up and boom, my back seized like it hasn’t in a long time. I spent the lunch break lying in the back of my car doing quad and glute stretches. It took a week of heating those muscles and stretching to get me back to where I was before.

The moral of this story is that balance is the key to a well functioning and happy body. Our muscles need to be worked and they need to be stretched to keep them both strong and at their optimum length – especially the big, strong ones like the quads.

Something to think about. Laurie Sweig is a certified personal fitness trainer and spinning instructor. She owns and operates The Point for Fitness. She can be reached at laurie@thepointforfitness.com.



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Art lovers return for tour year after year

by **SUE TIFFIN**
Times Staff

Carloads of people driving along scenic routes alongside trees bright and full with colourful leaves slowed as they approached Studio Tour signs dotted along the landscape throughout the county last weekend. The signs, each marked with a different letter, led people on a self-guided tour to 25 studios and showrooms of local artists and craftspeople and their guests on the first weekend – Oct. 5 and 6 – of the 32nd annual tour.

In Lochlin, at Studio R, Lia's Glass Dreams at 4764 Gelert Road brought visitors from the colours of the season to a colourful studio and showroom filled with Lia Howe's work.

"We do this every single year," said Terri Hudson, who was visiting friends on Gull Lake from Toronto and was waiting to have a purchase wrapped at Lia's Glass Dreams. "There are six of us that come together and we do the Studio Tour. It's just a lot of fun."

Hudson said the group had the stops mapped out, and would likely visit five or six stops along the tour this year. "Every year we do try and sort of do something different, so we do check them all out, maybe every three years," she said.

Howe has been on the Studio Tour for 10 years, after applying for a spot for 10 years.

"I love the camaraderie between all the artists, trying to bring everyone together to promote the arts in the community," she said.

Howe said the Studio Tour offered a good chance for people to "see what's out there and buy local," offering the opportunity to "come out and feel it and touch it before you buy it."

She also said the tour offers something different each year with new or guest artists, and as artists learn and become interested in new techniques and trends.

"We're all totally obsessed so we all are always into something different," she laughed.

In Minden, longtime friends and artists Carole Finn and Mary Intven Wallace were together at the Finn Artist Centre at 15 Newcastle Street, Studio Z on the tour.

The artists dubbed the stop on the tour "works of old friends together again." Their friendship goes back decades, and both individually and together they have a longstanding history with the arts. Finn was a founding partner in the Haliburton School of the Arts, now Haliburton School of Art + Design, and founder and first curator of the Rails End Gallery, among other achievements, and Intven Wallace was a founder of the Studio Tour more than three decades ago, among other achievements.

"It's just been lovely, reconnecting," said Intven Wallace of being invited to show in Minden alongside Finn and being able to meet with local friends and artists after having moved out of the area. "It's kind of like full circle, close the circle, come back and it's wonderful."

Finn and Intven Wallace both continued with formal education as adults, and their experiences with the Canadian landscape and passion for the natural environment have been instrumental in their work.

"Her big thing has been about going to the Arctic, and it has made her life and her focus and everything entirely different, and my big thing was going to Great Bear Rainforest, and getting involved with all that," said Finn. "Just the parallels are spooky. Different places, no connection, nothing, and I think that is just wonderful."

"She had this great brainwave of how we've both gone on similar paths in totally different places without knowing we were doing the same thing," said Intven Wallace. "It's just been lovely reconnecting."



Mary Intven Wallace, left, is the guest artist at Studio Z, the Finn Artists Centre in Minden, and of friend and fellow artist Carole Finn during the 32nd annual Studio Tour held throughout Haliburton County on Oct. 5 to 6 and October 12 to 13. The pair displayed their work together and discussed the parallels of travel, their work and exploration of Canada's landscape in their lives, both in Haliburton County decades ago and throughout their careers. /SUE TIFFIN Staff



Lia Howe, left, chats with guests to Lia's Glass Dreams, her Gelert Road glass art studio, during the first weekend of the 32nd annual Studio Tour. The tour continues on the weekend of Oct. 12 to 13. Visit thestudiotour.ca for more information and a self-guided tour map.

Between telling stories of her career to guests, and hugging old friends stopping by for a visit, Intven Wallace continued to paint, pausing only after completing a few brush strokes.

"It's just that passion, how can you share it?" she said. "Oh, I know, I'll just paint it!"

The 32nd annual Studio Tour continues on the weekend of Oct. 12 and 13. To learn more about the Studio Tour or to download a self-guided tour map, visit thestudiotour.ca.

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Dorset garage insulation problems to be fixed next year

by **SUE TIFFIN**
Times Staff

The following are brief reports of items discussed during an Oct. 3 meeting of Algonquin Highlands council.

Moisture-related issues due to inadequate insulation were the topic at Algonquin Highlands council again on Oct. 3,

when operations manager Adam Thorn reported damage caused by a leaky roof at the Dorset public works garage on Kawagama Lake Road.

“Following an investigation of the roof sheeting, it was determined that the roof was in good working order, with no opening to allow water into the building,” reads his report. “Large amounts of water were also found laying inside the insulation which caused substantial visual bulges in the ceiling insulation and multiple leaks throughout the building over this past summer.”

The issue is similar to one that occurred earlier this year in Hangar D, a large commercial hangar at the Stanhope Airport.

“The insulation blanket system used for this building is essentially a basement blanket wrap, very similar to the insulation removed from Hangar D at the airport,” reads the report from Thorn. “The problem is that all insulation allows heat to penetrate at different rates (R-Value) however; the main issue with this application is that the blanket system is not actually applied directly to the substrate (in this case, the metal roof). With the total surface area of the ceiling being so large and the fact that the insulation is hanging below the substrate, a condensation or dew point occurs. The space created between the two, is an air gap where warm air is penetrating from the interior heated side and cold air is coming from the frozen steel side or vice-versa, hot steel roof and cool interior.”

It was recommended by an insulation company that the existing insulation be removed before more damage can occur or before mould begins to grow.

“Once removed, the substrate will be inspected to ensure that primer is not required on the steel followed by a spray foam application directly to the steel roof,” reads Thorn’s report. “Once the spray foam application is completed, a fire-rated paint coating is to be applied. This would be the same application that was completed at the Airport in Hangar D.”

The work is estimated to cost \$100,000 plus applicable tax. Thorn recommended that due to impending cold weather, the tender for removal of the insulation, reinsulation with spray foam, and fire-resistant application be done in 2019, with the start date of the project being spring 2020.

Councillor Jennifer Dailloux questioned the health and safety implications for those working in the building. Thorn

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It was determined that the roof was in good working order.

— ADAM THORN

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Fort Irwin Marina initiatives fund affordable housing

Owners of Fort Irwin Marina and husband and wife Brad and Maria Willing, at front from left, and Haliburton Lake Cottagers' Association president Glenn Scott present \$2,575.58 to Places for People Haliburton County's board of directors members Jack Russel and Chris Cochrane and volunteer Susan Russel on Monday, Sept. 23 in Fort Irwin. The marina has made annual donations for close to eight years to community organizations. Part of this year's donation came from toonie donations made at dinners, amounting to \$106.08, the ice out date challenge 50/50 draw fundraiser including money donated back by the winner totalling \$250, \$500 from the HLCA, \$200 from Hanis and Sandra Messner's winnings from the HLCA's Septic Pump Out Contest, and \$759.50 raised at the marina from customer donations, which was matched by the Willings. "We could not and would not be what we are without all the amazing people near and far that make our Fort Irwin community great. Thank you all," wrote Brad and Maria. /DARREN LUM Staff

Making housing happen: Getting to 750

Last week, county council approved a goal of creating 750 new rental units in Haliburton County over the next 20 years. What's the plan for reaching that goal?

If the kind of housing that you think you might need some time in the next 10 years is not currently available, and you want to do something about that, you should attend the Haliburton County Housing Summit at West Guilford Community Centre on Friday, Oct. 18.

Attendees will get

- an overview of the work that led to the target, which covers rental units for low- and moderate-income households, as well as units with some supports attached
- thumb-nail descriptions of local developments, both for-profit and not-for-profit initiatives, in various stages of progress
- information about projects that have worked well elsewhere and may be adapted here (e.g., co-living, moderately-priced condos)
- Housing Task Force as a municipal mechanism to solicit development that meets local need
- progress report on making available an alternative funding mechanism that accesses local resources

And an opportunity to discuss with presenters and other attendees how you can work with others toward making your

housing of choice happen. Hoping is not a plan; putting your shoulder to the wheel is.

The event is co-hosted by the Aging Well Committee, CARP, and Places for People, with support from HCDC. Register at no charge at Eventbrite.com – Haliburton County Housing Summit; more info at Carol Browne 705-457-4551, cbrowne@bell.net.

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The Township of Minden Hills places great importance on recognizing our youth, volunteers, and those who go above and beyond for this community. We are proud to offer 6 awards to go towards any community member who best embodies the true definition of these awards.

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Guide rail replacement to begin November

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said the situation was being monitored but that there was not a current concern. “Postponing it until next year when the

weather’s nicer isn’t going to be a terrible thing for us,” he said.

Guide rails to be installed

The replacement of guide rails at North

Shore Road and St. Peter’s intersection at the bridge, and also on Stanhope Airport Road bridge is expected to begin at the start of November.

Tulloch Engineering Inc. had previously

conducted detailed visual inspections of municipally-owned bridges and culverts in the township and had recommended repairs. Though staff contacted three contractors in seeking out an estimate to replace guide rails, one contractor advised they were booked until the end of the year, and another didn’t respond. The third vendor offered an estimate of \$25,581 plus tax for the project, which was budgeted at \$31,000.

“Unfortunately once again, given the time of year, it’s starting to close in on some contractors, so I was able to get a cost from one company that would be able to complete the work this year,” said Adam Thorn, operations manager, in explaining the sole-source procurement.

“Well, sometimes sole source is the only way to do things,” said Mayor Carol Moffatt.

Making use of space

Councillor Jennifer Dailloux said there had been discussion at the Oxtongue Lake Community Centre committee meeting held in September on how to best make use of the lower level of the community centre, potentially repurposing the underused space into a lounge with “comfy couches and comfy chairs.”

Dailloux said the possible project is a work in progress.

“I like the idea that we’re now thinking about the total use of the building rather than just the upper use,” she said.

Snowball admission fee change

The Dorset Recreation Committee Snowball Winter Carnival admission buttons will increase from \$3 to \$4 in 2020.

“Cost of living,” explained Councillor Julia Shortreed. “It’s been \$3 forever.”

The 30th annual festival takes place in February and generally includes a wide variety of winter fun activities and events.

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Guests mingled at Laughing Out Loud, an afternoon of comedy held at the Minden Hospital Auditorium as a fundraiser for the Minden Health Care Auxiliary, which was a sold-out event.



Laughter is the best medicine

The Beech Street Theatre Company entertained with three sold out performances at Laughing Out Loud, an afternoon of comedy. The fundraising event for the Minden Health Care Auxiliary took place at the Minden Hospital Auditorium on Oct. 5 for a full crowd. The feature presentation seen here, “Mask of the Golden Gaels,” starring Reid Pierson, Kit Greaves, Kathy Stinson and Michael Khashmanian ended the event, which also included a 50/50 raffle, door prizes, and social. /SUE TIFFIN Staff



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SPORTS

Home opener ends with pair of ties for Hawks

by DARREN LUM
Times Staff

The varsity girls' field hockey team took the energy generated from the spirit rally on Thursday to the pitch and finished the day with a pair of draws worth two points.

The Red Hawks led both games and finished both similarly, giving up a goal in the second half and then settling for 1-1 draws, first with the Saints of St. Peter Catholic Secondary School and then with the Hurricanes of Holy Cross. The draws followed a rain-out road game earlier in the week.

The Hawks tallied their first league goals: Makenna Robbins scored her first against the Hurricanes and Ava Smith scored hers against the Saints.

Co-captains Emma Casey and Melissa Brinkos were happy to get the two points and highlighted the positives following their double-header on Thursday, Oct. 3 in Haliburton.

Casey was happy the Hawks scored first in both games, while Brinkos appreciated the strong starts. They both took pride in scoring from a short corner advantage. It was a sign of progress since it was their first goals off set plays this season.

More time playing from the set play contributed to the day's success, Casey said. Brinkos added that winning so many short corners provided knowledge about how the opposing defence were setting up. She said they'll want to shoot more next time.

Brinkos said the results reinforced that there is a level of parity even though their opponents have rep players and the Hawks don't. The Hawks also don't have turf field, which is common at other schools.

Casey said the Hawks controlled pace of play for the two games.

"We did really well at keeping it in their end. We definitely – for every game we played – stayed for the most part in their end," she said.

This year's varsity team has the full range of players from Grade 9 to 12. It is 0-0-3 on the season.

The team appreciated cheers from the crowd, particularly during the first game when more people were able to stay.

"It was nice to have all the support from the school," Casey said.

Vanessa Prentice helped coach the Hawks field hockey team.



Red Hawks player Ava Smith looks to push past a Holy Cross Hurricanes defender during Kawartha League action on Thursday, Oct. 3 at the Gary G. Brohman Athletic Field in Haliburton. The Hawks went on to earn a point with a 1-1 tie against the Hurricanes. Smith scored the lone goal. They led off the day with a 1-1 tie - goal scored by Hawks player Makenna Robbins - with the Saints of St. Peter Catholic Secondary School./DARREN LUM Staff

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Red Hawks player Alexius Mills reaches to keep a ball inbounds while playing the Holy Cross Hurricanes.

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by **DARREN LUM**
Times Staff

When the Holy Cross Hurricanes came to play the Red Hawks varsity girls' rugby team, they came with more than just their full complement of veterans and rookies. They came with more knowledge of the game and competitive experience, which translated into a lopsided victory.

Hawks coach Carson MacDonald has been with the team for several years and was optimistic about the loss.

"They always try hard. They do. It's just sometimes the ... experience isn't there. We've always had the same problem with experience. We play six games a year versus teams that play like that," he said, looking over at the Hurricanes, "that play, you know, all summer, 30 games in the summer or so. So that's a big difference. They lack the experience, but the effort and the enthusiasm is there."

"That's always good. I love how they're always positive no matter what the outcome. They're always thrilled. That's good."

MacDonald pointed out many of the players are playing for the first time so the three games they played is all the com-

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Red Hawks captain and forward Charlotte Paton hangs on to a Holy Cross Hurricanes player during Kawartha Rugby League action on Tuesday, Oct. 1 at the Gary G. Brohman Athletic Field in Haliburton. Hawks lost via shutout. This leaves the Hawks winless on the season, but being the only A school the team is assured of a Kawartha A/AA finals berth./DARREN LUM Staff

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Lots of positives to take from the game

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petitive play they've ever had.

"You can only expect so much of them. I think there's a lot of positives they can take from the game," he said.

The game was eventually declared a mercy win with close to 10 minutes to go.

By then the Hurricanes chose to play their rookies and juniors against the Hawks.

Coincidentally, the day also brought a high level of humidity, a steady shower and a threat of thunderstorms. Although there wasn't much of a storm to speak of in the Highlands, the Hawks were left battered, bruised and injured.

The team not only lost on the scoreboard, but suffered losses in their ranks. Several players in this game were forced to leave the game due to injuries or for concussion concerns.

They started the season with 30, MacDonald said, and now are just a little more than the 15 on a field with 17 players. A few more may return from observation of concussion protocols.

Despite the winless record, the team is already assured of a spot in the Kawartha A/AA finals, because the Hawks are the only A classified school.

They're expected to play the only AA classified school in the league, Adam Scott, which they lost to 47-5 to open the season.

Two games are left in the regular season with a possible exhibition home game against Cobourg. Given the short season, the game would provide extra game play experience.

MacDonald said there is still a chance for on-field success.

"We've played three really good teams ... I think we keep on moving forward and hopefully we can win a game, or two. We'll see," he said.

Red Hawks forward Kiera Casey rushes the ball during Kawartha Rugby League action against the visiting Holy Cross Hurricanes.



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High Triple Hcp – Heather Lockman – 724

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High Triple – Rick West – 711

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Tuesday Afternoon Bowling Scores Oct. 1

Men

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High Single Claude Cote 245

High Single H/C Dan Blair 311

High Triple Claude Cote 680

High Triple H/C Claude Cote 788

Women

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In Loving Memory of
Andy (Nip) Murdison

Andy (Nip) Murdison enjoyed one last summer at his favourite place, Lake Boshkung, before passing in the morning of September 27th, 2019 in his 74th year, with his family by his side.

As a founding member of the Lake Boshkung Skiers, Andy turned his passion for sport and his athleticism into countless Canadian Water Ski Championships (one of his records still stands today), representing Canada twice at the World Championships, twice in the Pan Am Games and ultimately an induction into the Canadian Water Ski Hall of Fame. Also an avid snow skier, Andy spent time on the Avalanche Patrol one season in Switzerland with his dear friend Garth and 46 years as an active member of Caledon Ski Club. Andy's passion for sport and the outdoors led him to a successful career with Mercury Marine, then as a partner of UTC Ltd, a sporting goods manufacturing and distribution company and sat on many boards in those two industries as well as the CWSA.

Andy's wife Bev (nee Hendy) shared his passion for the cottage, sport and the outdoors. Naturally their two sons Andrew and Tom were on skis (water and snow) as early as possible with world-class coaching from their Dad. Andy was always highly engaged with Andrew and Tom's activities, creating a fantastic bond built around sport, family and community. Those values are now being passed to his four grandchildren, Andrew, Bohdi, Juliette and Nathan with the help of their mothers Jenn and Virginie. Boshkung brought together everything Andy loved the most, his aforementioned family, his two sisters Bonnie (Brad) and Jennie (Paul), and his niece and nephews. As well as Bev's sisters Julie and Sue (Jock) and brother Tom (Judy) and many nieces and nephews at the chalet at Caledon in the winter. The family wants to thank the doctors and nurses at the hospital in Haliburton for their care and compassion his last few days.

We will be sharing stories and toasting rum and cokes to Andy's incredible life on Saturday, October 26th from 11:00 to 2:30 at the Pepper Mill Steak House, 15141 Hwy 35, Carnarvon. Please join us with your best memories of Andy/Nip.

Donations can be made in his memory to Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) or the Charity of your choice and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.

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In Loving Memory of
Eleanor "Mary" Hicks (nee Pye)

Passed away peacefully at Hyland Crest LTC with her family by her side on October 3rd, 2019 in her 79th year.

Mary was the much loved wife of Jim and mother of Deborah (Rosie), Denise (Bill) and Beth (Dave). She was stepmother to Bill (Kathy), Bruce (Cheri), Brad (Karen), Barry (Derrick) and Cindy. Mary will be missed by her large extended family: grandchildren Katie, Kristen (David), Brendan, Ryan, Jason, Sean, Todd, Heather (deceased), Brittany (Taylor), Brett, Spencer (Maddie), Gavin (Dani), Brady (Rachel), Robbie, Ben (Vic), Ali (Cole), Brigitta, Charlene (Nick), Christa, Emma (Mark), Chris, Emily (Jake) and great grandchildren Rome, Liam and Naia. Much loved also by Barbara and Peter Walford-Davis. Mary is predeceased by her mother Eleanor Pye who lived in Minden for many years as did her brother Harry Pye and Jim Pye. Fondly remembered and loved by Marion Pye, Sue Pye, Frank and Joanne Hicks (deceased), Barb and Bill King and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Mary was born in Toronto and became a teacher at age 19. She combined raising three daughters with a successful teaching career in Peel County. In 1986 Mary and Jim moved to Haliburton where Mary continued teaching for another ten years. After her retirement in 1995, Mary and her friend Barbara, connected with a small food cupboard at the Anglican Church in Minden and developed what became the Minden Food Bank and is now the Minden Community Food Centre. At the same time, Mary took water colour painting lessons and soon became very talented in this field.

Mary loved the people at her church, Zion United; she loved to be with her families, to travel, to read, paint, garden and eat desserts!! Mary and Jim enjoyed their many retirement years together, especially several winters they had in Winter Haven, Florida, in the same community as good friends Gary and Judy Chapman.

It was Mary's wish that her body be used for organ transplants or for Medical Studies. A celebration of Mary's life will be planned in the future. In the meantime, if you wish, send us a note with a memory or memories of Mary so we can produce a permanent record of her life with her relatives and friends. Or just plant a tree in memory of Mary and let us know. Send messages to Jim, drop them off at Minden Hills United Church or the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd.

Special thanks goes out to the wonderful staff at Hyland Crest Senior Citizens' Home for the loving care provided for Mary during her journey with Dementia. You are very special in our hearts. And also to Rev. Max Ward and Rev. Peter Walford-Davis for their support and prayers.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF), Minden Community Food Centre or Minden Hills United Church and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.

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Harrison named warden

*Longtime Stanhope politician
uncontested in bid for
Haliburton County's top job*

by Jerry Grozelle

Algonquin Highlands reeve Eleanor Harrison will serve as warden of Haliburton County for the next year. Harrison was elected to the position, uncontested, at the inaugural meeting on December 10 at the county office.

A group of local politicians, family, friends and community leaders attended the ceremony to wish the new warden well in her term of office.

Outgoing warden and reeve of Dysart et al Murray Fearrey nominated Harrison and the nomination was seconded by Harrison's deputy-reeve Don Shortreed.

She thanked her two colleagues for their confidence in nominating her and acknowledged the importance of Shortreed's support.

"Without Don's support, it would be difficult to even consider the position of warden," Harrison said. "I would also like to thank the remainder of county council for allowing me the privilege of serving as your warden for the year 2002."

Harrison noted that 2001 has been her 10th year as a county councillor. "I am hopeful the knowledge and experience gained in those 10 years will enable me to perform the warden duties and make me an excellent ambassador for Haliburton County," she said. I know the position requires a great

deal of time and energy and with the encouragement I have received from my family and, in particular, my husband, I am prepared to donate as much time as the position requires."

Harrison said warden Fearrey, with the assistance of county council members, set up a three-year course to follow at the beginning of 2001. "It is my intention to keep us on course," she said. "The 9-1-1 project is extremely important to all of us and we must assure our constituents that we will continue this valuable project and, hopefully, meet all our many deadlines."

The new warden said it has come to light over the past few months that several of the county's non-profit agencies are having some financial difficulties and are looking for the county to provide some assistance.

"Many hundreds of volunteers give many hundreds of hours of their time each year to help to make our community, the community of Haliburton County, a great place to live, work and play and it is these many volunteers who make up the non-profit agencies. They indicate they need assistance from Haliburton County to survive. However, in my opinion, Haliburton County needs these agencies and those many volunteers in order to survive."

See **Algonquin Highlands** page 3



Eleanor
Harrison



ALLISON TAYLOR/Times

YUM!

Kindergarten students at Archie Stouffer Elementary School have been working on a sweet project leading up to the Christmas holidays. Families were invited to help their youngsters build gingerbread houses and Grade 6 Kinderbuddies were more than happy to help the kids in Toss Reid's class.

*Road salt
alternative
good
for what
ale's ya!*

by Allison Taylor

Ever heard of using beer to de-ice the roads? It could be happening on a highway near you in the future.

The Algonquin Highlands Public Works Department has taken the initiative to do a little research of its own — no, they're not taste-testing the hops and barley. The department is investigating the use of a by-product of the popular bar beverage as an environmentally friendly alternative to salt, in the battle against miserable winter ice.

This product is currently being used in Grey County, the snow-belt region of Georgian Bay.

Public Works Superintendent, Brian Whetstone told the members of the Algonquin Highlands council at the meeting on December 6, that his department has been experimenting with a product known by the trade

See **Beer** page 2

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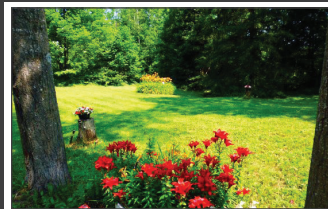
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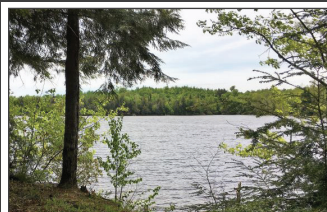
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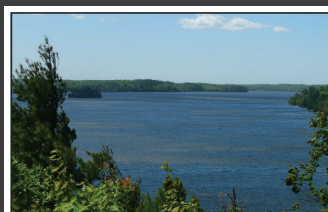
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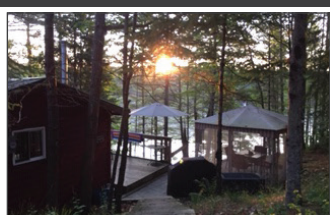
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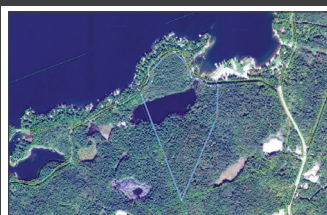
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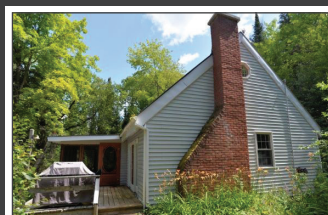
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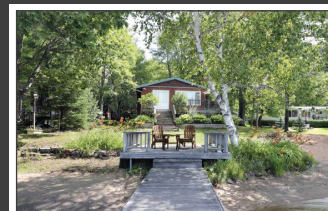
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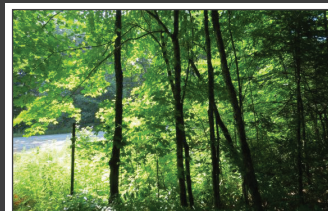
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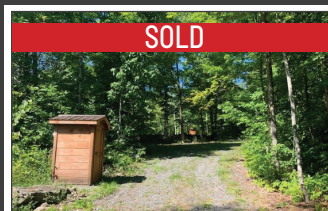
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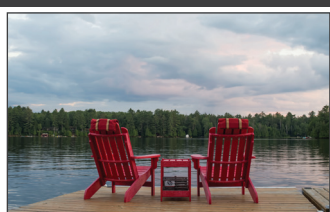
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